

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	Confirmation No.: 8399
Akihiko CHIBA et al.	Art Unit: 1793
Application No.: 10/821,170	Examiner: Jessee Randall ROE
Filed: April 9, 2004	Attorney Docket No.: 108421-00096

For: Co-Cr-Mo ALLOY FINE WIRE, MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFORE,
AND PLANAR BODY, TUBULAR BODY, STRANDED WIRE AND CABLE
FORMED OF WIRE

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

The Office Action dated March 19, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-4, 11-16 and 23-26 are pending, and claims 5-10 and 17-22 are withdrawn in this application. Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects 1-4, 11-16 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action alleges that the recitation of "the alloy being nickel-free" of claims 1 and 15 is not adequately described in the description. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that not only is there a clear recitation of "nickel-free fine wire" described in paragraph [0006] of the section titled "Related Art," but the